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SETTING UP OF NEW PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) : whether the Government has fixed any target to open more petrol pumps in the country during 2007-08;

(b) : if so, the details thereof; company/State-wise;

(c) : the number of petrol pumps set up so far in various States, company-wise; and

(d): the steps taken by the Government to achieve the targets of 2007-08?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)&(b) : Subsequent to the dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) w.e.f. 1.4.2002, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have been given freedom to choose location and select Retail Outlet (RO) dealers/ LPG distributors as per their commercial considerations.Government have no direct role in allotment of Retail Outlets of OMCs.

During the year 2007-08, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) have planned to set up approximately 3215 retail outlets all over the country.

(c) : As on 30.6.2007, the OMCs have set up 32,558 retail outlet (RO) dealerships all over the country.Company-wise details are as under:

Name of the OMC	Number of RO Dealerships
IOC	16622
BPC	7876
HPC	8060
Total	32,558

(d) : The outlets are to be set up by the OMCs.The process of setting up of retail outlet dealerships involves various steps like scrutiny of applications and documents, conduct of interviews of the eligible candidates for selection of dealers/distributors, release of merit panels, field investigation in respect of selected candidates, obtaining land/ statutory approvals/ licences, construction, etc.